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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN AIDE-MEMOIRE ON UN 7SS

1. ON AUGUST 28, ESPEDITO RESENDE, HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, REQUESTED AMBASSADOR TO CALL AND PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING AIDE-MEMOIRE, OUTLINING BRAZIL'S POSITION TOWARD THE FORTHCOMING 7SS.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AIDE-MEMOIRE:

BRAZILL ATTRIBUTES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESION OF THE UNGA NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE CONTRIBUTION THAT IT CAN GIVE TO THE SUBSTANTIVE ADDRESS TO THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO ALL COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE RELATION-

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SHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL

FORA.

IN THIS SPIRIT, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
INTENDS TO TAKE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION A COMPREHENSIVE
INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING BASIC
CONSIDERATION:

1) BRAZIL ACCEPTS THE THESIS THAT VERBAL AND
ACRIMONIOUS CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA TENDS TO BECOME
STERILE AND EVEN, BEYOND A CERTAIN POINT, COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

2) ON THE OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS
THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO AVOID THIS DANGER, INASMUCH
AS IT WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE TO EXPECT MODERATION FROM
THE FORMER ONLY IF THE MORE PROSPEROUS COUNTRIES ARE
EFFECTIVELY AND NOT ONLY VERBALLY DISPOSED TO RESPOND
POSITIVELY TO THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE LESS
FAVORED COUNTRIES.

3) AS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY, WHICH IT IS, BRAZIL
WILL, THEREFORE, ASSUME THE POSTURE OF A CLAIMANT, NEVERTHELESS,
BRAZIL DESIRES TO LIMIT THE DIFFERENCES WITH THE DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES TO THE BASIC PROBLEMS WITHOUT RESORTING TO
CONFRONTATION AS IF THIS COULD CONSTITUTE AN END IN
ITSELF.

4) WE CONSIDER THAT THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL
TRADE MUST BE SUBJECT TO A FORM OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SETTING
WHICH RESPONDS, BETTER THAN EXISTING ARRANGEMENT, TO
THE CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AND WHICH,
ABOVE ALL, ESTABLISHES EFFECTIVE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITIES
AMONG DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO
AS TO MAKE INTERCHANGE AMONG NATIONS AN INSTRUMENT OF A
MORE JUST DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH RATHER
THAN A MERE FACTOR OF STIMULATION OF WORLD ECONOMIC
ACTIVITY AND A GREATER INTERNATIONAL CONCENTRATION
OF INCOME.

5) WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN ORDER TO ATTAIN SUCH AN
OBJECTIVE WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION MENTIONED
ABOVE, A RELATIVELY LONG AND DETAILED PROCESS OF
NEGOTIATION WILL BE NECESSARY, WHICH WILL THEREFORE ELIMINATE
THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING COMPLETE AND
FINAL RESULTS DURING THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.
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WE CANNOT ACCEPT, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SERVE AS A
PRETEXT FOR MERELY PROCRASTINATING TACTICS SUCH AS HAVE FREQUENTLY
OCCURED AT PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

6) WITHIN THIS RATIONALE, WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE IDEA
THAT THE PROBLEMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TRADE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN BE SATISFACTORILY
RESOLVED IN THE GATT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS MAY MAKE A
POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF

THESE PROBLEMS. NEITHER DO WE ACCEPT THAT IT IS NECESSARY, OR EVEN POSSIBLE, TO AWAIT THE END OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN THE EXAMINATION OR AND SEARCH FOR INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS TO THE VARIOUS QUESTIONS WHICH AFFECT THE TRADE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE FULLY AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROGRESS -- EVEN THOUGH PARTIAL -- ACHIEVED IN GATT AND OTHER FORA SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT WHICH WE CONSIDER SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE SEGIS OF THE UNGA.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, WE HOPE THAT THE BRAZILIAN INITIATIVE WILL BE SEEN AS A CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT WHICH, ALTHOUGH REAFFIRMING AND DEFENDING THE BASIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, WILL SEEK TO FOLLOW A PATH WHICH AVOIDS FRUITLESS CONFRONTATIONS. END TEXT.

3. RESENDE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA HAD ASKED HIM TO EMPHASIZE TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE PRINCIPAL THRUST OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS THE STRESS ON NEGOTIATION AND NOT CONFRONTATION.

4. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THAT STRESS WAS EVIDENT, THAT HE WARMLY WELCOMED IT, AND THAT THE USG VERY MUCH SHARED THAT APPROACH, NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION BUT ALSO ALL THE OTHER FORUMS IN WHICH THE ISSUES BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE BEING DISCUSSED. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE AIDE-MEMOIRE AND PARTICULARLY ITS PARA 6, CONSTITUTED A DOWNGRADING OF THE MTN'S IN FAVOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A FORUM FOR NEGOTIATING TRADE ISSUES, THIS WOULD BE DISAPPOINTING
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INASMUCH AS THE HEAVY POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE GA AND ITS CUMBERSOMENESS COULD IMPEDE AN EFFECTIVE ADDRESS TO THE SERIOUS, COMPLEX AND OFTEN TECHNICAL PROBLEM OF TRADE.

5. OTHER EMBASSIES IN BRASILIA HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE.
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